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LENT



From the Pastor...

The celebration of Easter and the liturgical season of Lent, the forty days preceding Easter (not counting Sundays), is based on the lunar calendar and is the Sunday following the paschal full moon, which is the full moon that falls on or after the vernal (spring) equinox. This pattern was established at the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., and continues still today. So this year, Ash Wednesday is on February 10th and Easter is on March 27th. As this creates a very short Epiphany season with only five Sundays, we began planning for Lent and Easter prior to Christmas Eve.

Lent is an introspective season when we are encouraged to draw closer to God through the humanity and stories of Jesus, the Christ. It is often described as a "journey" and this year will certainly feel that way as we are encouraged to focus on the Old Testament (Hebrew scriptures) and consider God's faithfulness to the Israelites. As I read these particular scriptures, I was struck by the outrageous abundance of God's love, guidance, and presence with the faithful; so we will be reflecting on some of the characteristics of God revealed in these texts.

To add to our Lenten journeys, Pastor Heather and I will be offering a Wednesday evening service to introduce some additional spiritual practices to help us deepen our faith. These services will be based on the book *Everyday Spiritual Practices: Simple Pathways for Enriching Your Life* by Rev. Scott W. Alexander. Each week, we will explore practices that are associated with a specific part of the body – mind, body, heart, will, and soul. After an explanation of the practice, we will do the practice together for a brief period of time. It is our hope that these will be helpful to people of all ages.

Blessings & peace -

Pastor Kuhn



A Message from the Council President

We are 14 days into the year 2016, and I have a good feeling about our church and where we are headed. Reflecting back to the ending of 2015, I keep the image and feelings I had with the Christmas Eve service in mind. Information I have received leads me to believe that we had a musical group of 61 singers and instruments, and then there was a full nave of 500 members and friends. What a grand way to celebrate the birth of Jesus!

Next on to 2016, when the first Sunday allowed us to experience our children act out the coming of the three kings. It was a real pleasure to view the future of our congregation giving us a picture of this event. My heart went out to our two pastors and the teachers who planned this event. It amused me to see three little angels running back and forth to the mother for some reassurance. Oh to be young and innocent like that!

In 2016, we have our work cut out for us in keeping the "Good News" that was with us Christmas Eve alive. We want to be a congregation that is open and affirming with all people, sharing our life-giving energy to all those who enter our doors. We can do this by absorbing the messages from our pastors and taking the message of scripture as guidelines.

It is my hope and prayer that I, as the head of Council, will be able to live up to the thoughts some of you have been expressing to me.

See you on as many Sundays as possible!

Bob Reiff
Council President



Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Dial (717) 392-5718 to listen to the worship information.

The sermon can be watched online at www.apostlesucc.org

Giving Report for December 2015

Our December income shows that we fell short of last year's numbers by \$7,000, which is the difference between \$475,617 this year and \$482,110 last year. Our expenses, unfortunately, rose this year by \$18,000, which is the difference between this year's \$534,245 and last year's \$516,979. For the year, we have ended up needing to transfer \$58,627 from our endowment account into the general fund.



Stewardship

2015 in Review

The Stewardship Commission has received our final financial statements for the year. There is a lot of information contained in these statements and it's important that all our members have some understanding of our financial health. While we have experienced many positives in the year 2015, our financial picture has not yet turned the corner.

We are still operating at a deficit and need to rely on our endowment fund to augment our general fund each year. The decline does look, however, like it might be slowing down. That, in itself, is a positive. Our offerings are only \$3,000 behind last year's offerings, and one of the bright spots this year was an increase in our pledged amount of offerings for 2016. So the hope is that the sun will come out next year.

The great struggle for churches, businesses, and our own personal finances is always rising costs. Our total expenses for the year 2015 increased by \$18,000 over last year, and we find ourselves having to move \$58,627 from our endowment funds to supplement the general fund so we can balance the books. This has happened for 11 out of the last 12 years. Some years we need more from savings and some years we need less.

Our congregation is made up of generous members, and we always hope that they will be moved by their individual faith to contribute more each year. But the true challenge to our church is to increase our membership/attendance. Hopefully, 2016 will be the year that we all become passionate about talking to our friends and acquaintances about coming with us to our church. We have so much to offer people, and every year we find new ways to touch the people in our community with our mission work and our wonderful programs.

If you are interested in reading about the work of the Stewardship Commission this past year, please request a copy of our Annual Report from the office in early February. The report will include more details for your reference.

Andy's Meanderings

Sadness...and Joy

I stepped foot onto American soil at 6 pm on January 16th for the first time in 2016, when I landed in Atlanta on my way home from Honduras. I had the interesting experience of New Year's Eve in Honduras. Ask me for details when you see me, but I'm glad I had earplugs. I had gone there a little early as C.A.R.E. had three groups coming for clinics, hospital work, and other service work January 3-16. Elizabethtown College, Purdue University, and Grove City College provided health services to about 2,800 people during that time. It is always an awesome and moving experience, both for them and for me.

As I've begun to master (perhaps that's a little presumptuous) the use of Facebook, I posted two pictures from the clinics. One was of me with a smile holding a baby (something I get to do—ask me why) and the other is me holding a three-year-old, 18-pound extremely malnourished girl. As there often is at a clinic, these pictures captured the joy and sadness present as there are so many there who are full of hope, joy, and love. I'm sad to have to tell you the little girl died about three days after I held her for a few minutes. Maybe I eased her discomfort for a little while until she could transition to a pain-free life.

Although clinics can have their ups and downs, the ups outnumber the downs immeasurably. This summer, C.A.R.E. is having a summer trip from July 26 through July 31. I'd love to have members of Church of the Apostles make it three years in a row, sharing our love with Hondurans.

The week's costs for the trip are \$1,050. Airfare (and arrangements for) are not included, although I'll help as I'm able. The quoted fee is *all inclusive*. We've had some who literally spent nothing on their visit. We cover everything. If you are interested, please contact me. We would like to have our number of attendees set by the end of April.

Gracias por su atencion (thank you for your attention),

Andy Appel



Council Meeting Minutes: December 2015

ATTENDANCE: Pastor Kuhn, Pastor Giffen, Tom Lewis, Clara Kosmela, Julie Berkow, Bob Reiff, Bernie Fickes, Andy Appel, Herb Forry, Cathy Kenlin, Chuck Erisman, Don Freeman, Jeannie Clausen, Linda Lewis, Andy Smith, Carol Nielsen

ABSENT: Joyce Smedley, Cindy Williams, Steve Daniels

DEVOTIONS were provided by Pastor Giffen. She used Still Speaking Devotions: Glimpses of the Future

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL of corrected October 19th, 2015 minutes after a Motion by Tom Lewis and a second by Julie Berkow. The correction removed the number 30 from the Pastor's Report.

TREASURER'S REPORT shows a \$45,000 shortfall at the end of November. After a motion by Don Freeman and a second by Bernie Fickes, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Performance reviews have been completed on all employees with satisfactory or better rating.

PASTORS' REPORTS

Pastor Kuhn spoke at a solidarity event at Penn Square as did members of various faiths. The interfaith coalition helped plan the event.

Pastor Giffen has been participating in worship and working with the youth to plan monthly fundraisers for the National Youth Event in July at Disney World. She also is working on ways for the youth to be more involved in the community and in worship.

OLD BUSINESS

FOOD HUB - Jeannie Clausen reported \$13,612.39 was raised by COA.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS FOR 2016
The following were unanimously approved:

PRESIDENT: **Bob Reiff** nominated by Clara Kosmela.

VICE PRESIDENT: **Andy Appel** nominated by Cathy Kenlin.

SECRETARY: **Linda Lewis** nominated by Clara

Kosmela.

TREASURER: **Andy Smith** nominated by Andy Appel.

Joyce Smedley will not be able to continue on Council in 2016, so a new member of Council will need to be appointed.

REVIEW OF CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES VISION STATEMENT- Pastor Kuhn passed out a sheet of ideas to be used as a working document. It needs to be shared with Commissions and discussed. Each Commission should share comments – perhaps in two months.

BOARD RESOLUTION FOR HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR PASTOR KUHN AND PASTOR GIFFEN

Don Freeman made a motion, with a second by Bob Reiff, that \$22,000 of Pastor Kuhn's compensation be designated for Housing Allowance. Motion passed unanimously.

Don Freeman made a motion, with a second by Bob Reiff, that \$12,120 of Pastor Giffen's compensation be designated for Housing Allowance. Motion passed unanimously.

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE-Cathy Kenlin

Send Michelle pictures of events by email. She will advertise for you. Click "like" on Facebook page of our church and "share".

A new tool in the office called "The City" is compatible with ACS. It will make communicating among members, signing up for events, and posting information easier. Several sessions will need to be offered to teach church members about it.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Pastor Giffen will be ordained in Ohio on January 17th. A date for her installation at COA will be determined after that.

ASH WEDNESDAY is coming soon: February 10th with Easter on March 27th.

Andy Appel offered to write a column for the Crown reflecting what is happening at Council and around the church.

Blue Christmas had seven attend, but three were not COA members.

Clara reported a deposit was put down by the



choir on a new Cunningham Baby Grand piano for the choir room. Fundraisers will be planned to help with the cost.

CLOSING PRAYER - was offered by Pastor Kuhn.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 followed by refreshments and socializing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Clara Kosmela,
Secretary

Outreach

Wishing Well Ministry

Thank you to everyone who has been participating in the ministry to support the annual Day of Smiles. With your generous support, we will be able to spread truckloads of smiles to five charities on February 6th. Thank you so much for your continued generosity and kindness concerning the Day of Smiles.

I am very excited about the February ministry in the Wishing Well. Pastor Kuhn shared an urgent plea from the Council of Churches for warm coats, bed linens, and towels. For the whole month of February, we will be collecting new and gently-used warm coats/jackets for men, women, and children. We will also be collecting new and gently-used bed linens and towels. We are also asking for new hats, scarves, and mittens or gloves. Please take the time to clean out your coat and linen closets and share with the needy in our community. Please place all of these items in the Wishing Well and they will be taken to the Lancaster Council of Churches at the end of February. Thank you so much for caring about the needs of others in our community. Your participation in this Wishing Well ministry will help to keep many people warm and comfortable. If you have any questions, please see Jane McCartney.

Apostles Assistance Fund

You have a special offering envelope for February 21st marked "Apostles Assistance Fund". Please consider giving generously to this fund, as it helps many people who come to Pastor Kuhn with requests for financial assistance. Pastor Kuhn gets requests from COA members and non-members for emergency assistance for groceries, gas, rent, utility bills, medicine, and the list goes on. The Apostles Assistance Fund also includes

supplies for personal and home care, but this offering is for monetary support. At this time of the year, after the holidays and with the colder weather, Pastor Kuhn gets an unusually high amount of requests. She needs our help to meet these increasing needs. Please keep our less fortunate neighbors in mind when you fill this special offering envelope on February 21st. Thank you!

Valentine Ministry

It is a COA tradition to treat our "kids" who are in college, any form of higher education, and military with special Valentine boxes of treats. It has traditionally been a fun way to let them know that we care about them and that we love them. There is already a basket of hearts in the Narthex with names and addresses of recipients of treat boxes. They may have already been picked by the time this article is published, however, *please* let me know if you or anyone in the congregation has a daughter or son in higher education or the military so I can collect names and addresses. Please contact Jane McCartney at (717) 392-4844. These boxes should be mailed about one week before Valentine's Day!

Special Offerings

Have you ever wondered about those special-offering envelopes in your box? What are they for? Where does the money go? I know that I have wondered about that. Outreach Commission has decided to fill you in on the secrets of these special envelopes. Here is a brief explanation of each special offering to be collected throughout 2016:

- *January 17 - Mission to the Homeless*

The money collected is distributed to non-profits that address the needs of the homeless locally, nationally, and internationally.

- *February 21 - Apostles Assistance Fund*

COA has an emergency cash fund to be used for members and non-members when needed. People in need of emergency help can come to Pastor Kuhn for help with utility payments, rent, groceries, etc. There is also a supply of food, personal care items, and home care items in the assistance fund which can be given when requested. This fund consistently needs to be replenished, as she gets many requests.

- *March 20 - One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)*

Through OGHS, lives are literally changed in 138 countries daily. Your support provides clean water, food, medicine, shelter, healthcare, and education, as well as responding to disasters nationally and internationally.



- **April 17 – Missionary Support**

This money is used to support missionary work nationally and internationally.

- **May 22 – Strengthen the Church – Invest in the Vision**

This is a special offering to energize and build the future of UCC. It largely supports youth ministries and full-time leaders for new churches in parts of the country where the UCC voice has not been heard.

- **June 19 – Lancaster Theological Seminary**

This offering supports the financial needs of seminary students.

- **September 11 – Harvest Home/Food Bank**

All monies and non-perishable foods that are donated directly support the food bank at COA, Lancaster Council of Churches, and other local food banks.

- **October 2 – Neighbors in Need (NIN)**

This is a special mission offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion. NIN is a special offering which supports ministries of the UCC throughout the world.

- **October 23 – Blanket Sunday**

Church World Services continues to change lives through the generous donations made to the annual Blankets mission. This support includes blankets, emergency assistance, tools, clean water, or whatever a community needs.

- **December 11 – UCC Christmas Fund**

This offering provides direct financial assistance to retired and active UCC authorized ministers and lay employees who are in need.

- **December 24 – Bethany and Hoffman Homes**

This offering provides support to children from troubled homes and children with special needs who reside at these two homes. Bethany Home is in Womelsdorf and Hoffman Home is near Gettysburg.

2016 Lancaster-Lebanon Handbell Festival

The 13th anniversary of the Lancaster-Lebanon Handbell Festival will take place Saturday, March 12 at Church of the Apostles, UCC (1850 Marietta Ave, Lancaster, PA). Sixteen bell choirs will ring during this special anniversary event, including a guest appearance by Bell Amis under the direction of Ron Bellamy. Bell Amis is an elite ensemble made up of some of the best handbell ringers in southeastern Pennsylvania. They will perform *The Shepherd's Dream* composed by the festival clinician, Alan Reese. Alan Reese is musical director of Virginia Handbell Consort, a clinician and massed conductor at Handbell Musicians of America Area 2 and 3 events, and is a member of the faculty for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts/Division of Music at Norfolk State University. The public concert portion of the festival will take place at 3 pm and a good-will offering will be received. For more information about attending the concert, please contact Jeff Clouser, Festival Coordinator at jclouser@palmyracob.org.

“Believe” National Youth Event 2016

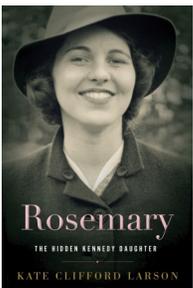
- Pastor Heather Giffen

Since the beginning of December, the youth have started some fundraising events for a big trip this summer. Yet, we have not talked about what this big trip entails, or why it is so meaningful for our youth to attend this important event.

Every four years, hundreds of UCC youth come together to worship, learn about and engage in social justice issues, gain leadership skills, attend worship, and —of course—get to meet 4,000 youth from all over the country. This year will be different in many respects because it is the first year that it will not be held on a college campus, and we will be doing this in partnership with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); they are the UCC's ministry partners in many aspects, most notably with Global Ministries. This will bring an international element to this year's event. This year, it will take place at Coronado Springs resort at Walt Disney World.

The theme this year is “Believe”, but it is not a question. It is a charge, responsibility, and call to action. The theme scripture (Hebrews 11:1) captures the heart of this charge: “Now faith is the confidence that what we believe will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.” It is a call for youth to believe in their roles as leaders of faith.

Parish Life



Book Club

The COA book club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm in the library. Please join us on January 9th to discuss *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson. On March 8th, we will discuss *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. We are happy to have new people join us! If you

have any questions, please contact Clara Kosmela at (717) 569-9960.



So, in the coming months, continue to “believe” in our youth in their efforts to take advantage of this important opportunity to grow as disciples of Christ.

Adult Education

The Education Commission is sponsoring a new series of programs entitled “Who Is My Neighbor?” Participants will learn about various groups living in Lancaster who worship in other than traditional Christian ways. The series will meet in the Parlor on Sunday mornings from 10:45 am to noon for seven consecutive Sundays beginning February 7 and running through March 20. At the first session on February 7, participants will receive an overview of the series and an opportunity to discuss and submit questions about future subjects. The second and third sessions on February 14 and 21, will be presented by Dr. Jeffery Long, professor of Religion and Asian Studies at Elizabethtown College. He will speak on Hinduism and Buddhism. The fourth session will be a presentation on immigration populations in Lancaster. The fifth and sixth sessions will be presented by Dr. Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, who will speak on Islam. The last session, on March 20, will be presented by a person from the Islamic community in Lancaster who will talk about how Lancaster Muslims live their faith. All are welcome to participate in this informative series of programs. Child care will be available. Please contact Doris Robb at (717) 393-7788 if you have any questions.

Garage Sale

The Church Garage Sale will be held on April 1st and 2nd with donations being accepted from Monday through Thursday the week between Easter and the sale. It’s time to start a pile of items you will donate to the sale. Did you get something for Christmas that doesn’t fit or you really do not care for? Put it in your pile for the Garage Sale. The church can raise funds only if we have items to sell.

Apostles Community Preschool

50th Anniversary Reunion: Sunday, April 24

Our Apostles Community Preschool is 50 years old! We’re hosting a reunion for all who may have attended, been a Preschool teacher, Board Member, parents, and anyone interested in joining in the celebration of a long and successful mission.

There will be a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after the second service along with memories and speakers from

the past and present. Please mark your calendar and plan to spend some time celebrating 50 years of the Apostles Community Preschool.

Post Card Ministry

Please take one or two post cards from the Welcome Center and send them to someone to tell them that you are thinking about them, you miss them, wish them to get well, or a happy birthday. The postage stamp is already on the card so you can take it with you, and you can drop it off at the nearest mailbox, or put it in the offering plate and it will be mailed for you. It is one of the ways we can reach out to those who cannot be with us to worship or to someone who just needs some inspiration or encouragement.

Stamps

We have collected approximately 10,000 stamps for wounded veterans. Thank you to everyone who has donated.

Did You Know?

Happenings: Church of the Apostles Calendar



Church of the Apostles is a busy place! And we want our members to remain well-informed about things that matter to you: from meetings to family events to church services, and more.

Our website includes a calendar to provide you with information for all church events, including dates, times, and event details. The calendar is updated regularly, so please make sure to check the details of an event prior to attending.

To view our calendar, visit www.apostlesucc.org and click “View All Events” under “Upcoming Events” on our homepage.



Christmas in the Country Bazaar 2015

The final numbers have been calculated for our very successful Bazaar. Everyone worked very hard and folks came and enjoyed the day, the crafts, the food, the music, and the fellowship. It was a wonderful day for all. *Many thanks* to all of you who have helped in a big or small way to do what we do best...put on a *super* Bazaar.

A meeting was held to finalize the dispersing of money to various causes within and outside Church of the Apostles.

Below are the final money amounts:

CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES BAZAAR 2015

	GROSS	EXPENSES	CHANGE BOXES	NET	75%	25%
OUTREACH – SOUP	4,216.00	850.93	585.00	2,780.07	2,085.00	695.07
CHOIR - PIES	4,890.41	1,500.00	320.00	3,070.41	2,302.00	768.41
PROPERTY – BBQ	1,400.00	383.44	150.00	866.56	649.00	217.56
EDUCATION – HOT DOGS	740.50	0	105.00	635.50	476.00	159.50
YOUTH – DRINKS	752.00	192.13	105.00	454.87	341.00	113.87
SANDWICHES	583.50	303.92	110.00	169.58	127.00	42.58
CRAFTS	1,238.60	34.47	110.00	1,094.13	820.00	274.13
GARDEN	1,128.00	0	145.00	983.00	737.00	246.00
VENDOR FEES	4,881.00	1,189.25	0	3,691.75	2,786.00	905.75
TOTALS	\$19,830.01	\$4,454.14	\$1,630.00	\$13,745.87	\$10,323.00	\$3,422.87

Eileen Thomas, Chair; Doris Robb, Vendors; Bonnie Jolly, Money.



Unsung Helper



Bonnie Jolly has the right last name, as she usually has a smile on her face. She handles the money at our fall Bazaar and spring Garage sale. She starts by putting designated amounts in the many money boxes, then she goes around to the tables and collects extra money every few hours. When the event is over, she helps count and wrap the money. For one month, Bonnie

serves as Captain of the Money Counters of the weekly offering. She also contacts people to contribute for the altar flowers, serves as an usher, and is a Eucharistic minister who takes communion to those unable to attend church service. Thank you, Bonnie, for all you do for COA!

Thank You!

Dear COA,
I would like to thank "Santa" for the Christmas gift.
Susan Shaak

We want to thank Church of the Apostles for the beautiful flowers delivered by Jane McCartney. Peggy and I will celebrate our 61st wedding anniversary. Peggy is a resident of the nursing home at Pleasant View in Manheim, PA. I will join her soon after selling our house and moving into an apartment at Pleasant View also. The flowers will brighten her room. We really appreciate your kindness.

Walt and Peggy Kreider

Dear Church of the Apostles,
Many, many thanks for the beautiful yellow rose in celebration of my 91st birthday.
God bless,
Charlie Arms

Dear Church Members and Friends of COA,
Many thanks for the beautiful flowers left at my door by Jane McCartney. They were just beautiful, and they lasted for two weeks. They filled my apartment with love. They sure were appreciated.
Sincerely and happy New Year to all,
Harriet Benchoff

Dear Church Members,
Thank you for the lovely flowers for my birthday. The yellow rose is still blooming.
Marie Herr

Dear Friends,
Charlie and I thank you for the beautiful flowers delivered to us by Dan and Bernie Fickes on our 56th anniversary. We hope to see you in April. God bless you all.
Charlie and Wilma Klingler

I extend a big yummy thank you to those who made the Sauerkraut from the Rader Park Garden. It was the *best* Sauerkraut ever!!! Thank you!
Bev Moran

The music department thanks all of those who made the purchase of the new piano in the choir room possible: Apostles Choir, Karen Williams, Mary Ellen Bachman, Skeeter and Donna Carr, Clara Kosmela, Bob and Betty Reiff, Susan Minasian, Judy Jarvis, and Apostles Academy. The piano was delivered on Saturday, January 16th. Please stop by to check it out, or better yet, join one of the choirs so you can hear it every Sunday!
The Music Department

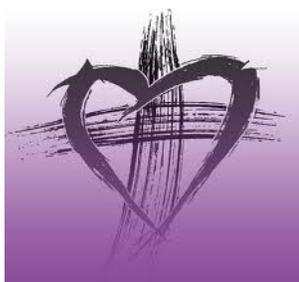




*The
Season
of
Lent*



Lent 2016



Ash Wednesday Worship: February 10 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

We will acknowledge our mortality and how we continue to fail in our attempts to live as Christ did. With this day and those that follow until Easter, we pledge to walk with Jesus through the stories toward the cross. As our Lenten practice for this year will explore everyday spiritual practices, an introduction to them will be shared. Join us in this journey as we seek to know the God who seeks us in the personhood of Jesus.

Sunday Morning Worship

Our theme on Sunday mornings will be “The Outrageous Abundance of God” as we reflect on specific characteristics revealed about God through the lectionary scriptures. We will hear how God shows up to engage God’s people throughout history and provide whatever is truly needed. Confident in our relationship with God, we can then tell others about what God has done in our own lives as well as the lives of others.



Wednesday Evenings: 7 pm in the Sanctuary

The focus of our Wednesday evenings will be on spiritual practices to help us find wholeness. Each week, we will engage part of our body in further understanding who we are and who God calls us to be. After conversation on the different ways in which to engage, we will practice a spiritual discipline together and connect with one another through the Sacrament of Communion.



Feb 17 – Engaging the Mind: Contemplation – Sacred Reading

Feb 24 – Engaging the Body: Activity and Nourishment – Walking the Labyrinth

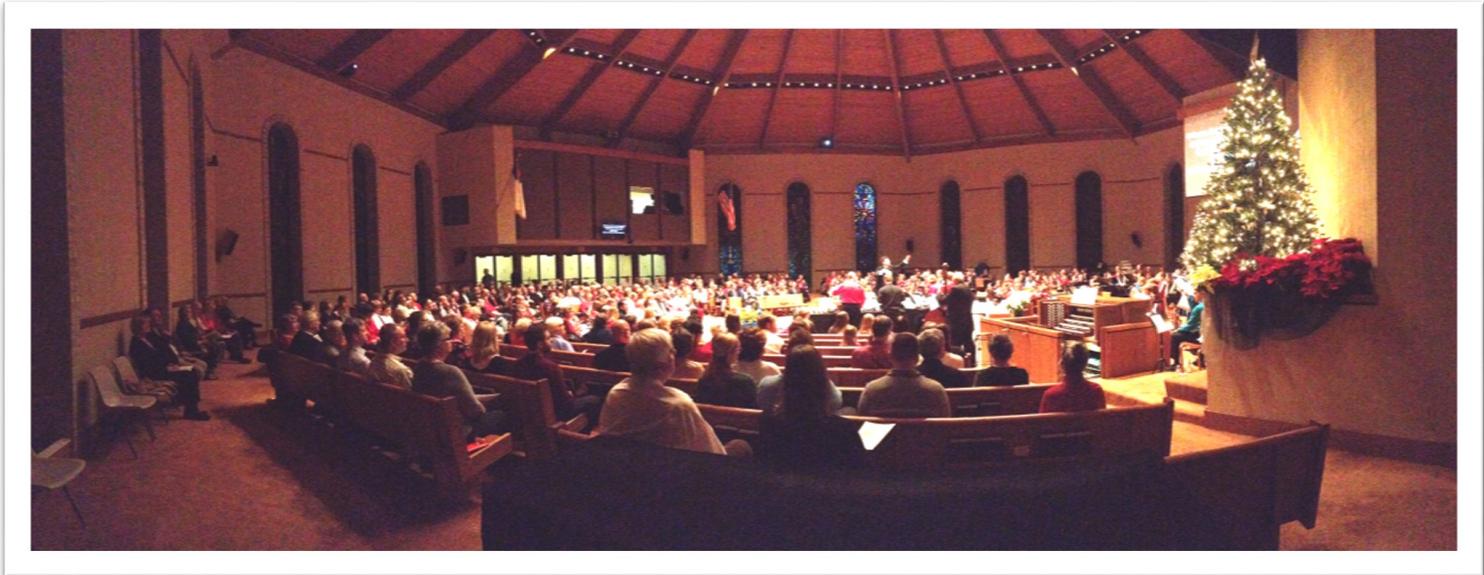
March 2 – Engaging the Heart: Relationships – Letter Writing

March 9 – Engaging the Will: Right Action – Planning Sabbath

March 16 – Engaging the Soul: Creativity – Artistic Creations

LENT

Christmas at Church of the Apostles





Happy Birthday!

Date	Name
1	Robin Stock
1	Jere Baker
3	Marion Webb*
4	Stanley Buch*
5	Larry Frable
6	Marianne Deaner
6	Susan Stirling
7	Don Burkholder
8	Glenn Ebersole, Jr.
8	Emily Kleimo
9	Joy Angevine
9	Lisa Ann Sweigart
10	Bernard Cover
10	Jack Landis
11	Marilyn Cooper
13	Dorothy Freeman
14	Frank Huber, Jr.
14	Mary Ellen Bachman
16	Earla Rinier*
16	Lois Charles
17	Nancy Young
19	Lucille Zipp
20	Kristine Martin
22	Ginny Godfrey
23	Deborah Aukamp
24	Dr. Donald Freeman
24	Shirley Miller
28	Edna Danz



Happy Anniversary

Date	Name
2/2/1963	Frank and Patricia Anderson**
2/5/1961	Leroy and Beverly Hoffman**
2/11/1951	Paul and Alice Rye**
2/28/1946	Jack and Rosemary Humphreville**

* 90+ Birthdays
 ** 50+ Anniversaries



Our flowers are an integral part of our worship service. Not only providing a physical symbol of beauty during our worship, after the service they are given as a symbol of love and caring to a member of our community who is unable to be with us physically. The cost of our flowers and bulletins averages about \$140.00 a week. Our suggested contribution for sponsoring flowers and bulletins is \$35.00; however, any amount is welcomed and appreciated.

If you would like to sponsor flowers, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send it into the office. A thank you letter will be sent following your sponsorship with directions for sending in your donation. Thank you for your support in this important ministry.

Worship Commission

I would like to sponsor flowers on the following date:

"In honor of" or "In memory of"

Your name

Phone number

**If you have any questions please contact:
Dawn Dougherty (892-0350)
or Bonnie Jolly (872-4053)**

February Flowers for Worship



February 7:

- In Loving Memory of Erin McCartney Nusbaum and Max Nusbaum, son-in-law, by Jane and Steve McCartney

February 14:

- In Loving Memory of Clayton K. Stehman by Tom and Linda Lewis

February 21:

- In Loving Memory of Carl Bernhardt, husband of Helen, and father of Cathy Bernhardt and Tim Bernhardt

February 28:

In Loving Memory of:

- Erika and Wyatt Wubbena by their daughter Cheryl Keckler
- Joanne Geiger by her husband, Fred Geiger



February Events

**Note: If you have an event that needs to be added, removed, or changed in the church calendar, please contact the church office with this information in a timely manner. Together, we can ensure that everyone who would like to participate always receives the correct information. Thank you!*

February 1 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday
7:00 pm Ministry Planning Committee

February 2 Tuesday

7:00 pm Worship Design

February 3 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Choir Parent Dinner
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Apostles Choir

February 6 Saturday

8:00 am Downtown Breakfast Ministry

February 7 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir-9:15 Service
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening
10:15 am Children's Library
10:15 am Usher's Meeting
10:45 am Adult Education Class
10:45 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Worship Service—
Homestead Village

February 8 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday
7:00 pm Commissions

February 9 Tuesday

2:00 pm Book Club
7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

February 10 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Choir Parent Dinner
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Education Commission
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

February 14 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir -9:15 Service
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:15 am Children's Library
10:45 am Adult Education Class
10:45 am Worship Service

February 15 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday
7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

February 16 Tuesday

7:00 pm Worship Design
7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

February 17 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Choir Parent Dinner
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Worship

February 18 Thursday

7:00 pm Apostles Choir-10:45 Service

February 21 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir -9:15 Service
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:15 am Children's Library
10:45 am Adult Education Class
10:45 am Worship Service

February 22 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday

February 23 Tuesday

7:00 pm Apostles Bell Choir

February 24 Wednesday

9:15 am Bible Study
5:00 pm Choir Parent Dinner
6:00 pm Cherub Choir
6:30 pm Carol Choir
7:00 pm Apostles Choir-10:45 Service
7:00 pm Worship

February 28 Sunday

8:15 am Apostles Choir -9:15 Service
9:00 am Nursery Care
9:15 am Exploring Faith
9:15 am Worship with Children's Sermon
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:15 am Children's Library
10:45 am Adult Education Class
10:45 am Worship Service

February 29 Monday

8:00 am Meditation Monday



CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a need or concern for yourself or others, please call or email any person on the Prayer Chain and your request will be sent through all the links of the chain and the power of prayer will be a blessing to you and yours.

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Food Bank

Please plan to continue your generous donations to the food bank.

Food Bank Needs:

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rice (One lb. bags) | Peanut Butter |
| Canned Fruit | Brown Grocery Bags |
| Hamburger Helper | Tuna Helper |
| Macaroni and Cheese | Canned Tomatoes (One lb. or less) |





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Thank you stamp savers. Keep saving stamps for the Wounded Veterans. Drop off in the office for Skip Rhodes.

Donations

Pull tabs, Campbell Soup Labels & Box Tops for Education are needed. These benefit the Ronald McDonald House and Hoffman Home.



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